

Mechanics and Machines

HW-DYN1

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1 Angle limits

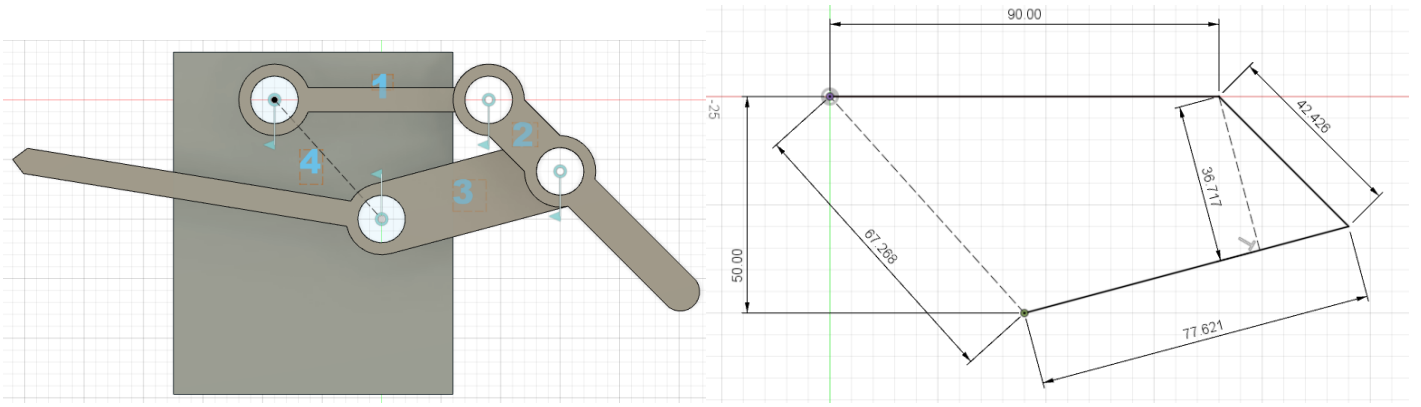


Figure 1: Model and its scheme

Since rotational link is the longest among all links, therefore the system cannot perform full rotation and it has limit angles that we need to find.

1.1 Code

1. First, let us find initial angle between links 1 and 4. Let us assume that joint 1 has coordinates (0;0) which means joint between link 3 and base has coordinates (45; 50). And using $\arctan(50/45)$ we find that initial angle is $\alpha_c = 48.013^\circ$.
2. Now let us find biggest positive angle (clockwise rotation). It reaches maximum when links 2 and 3 are aligned. It means that there will be triangle with sides 1, 4 and 2 – 3. Using cosine theorem we can find angle between links 1 and 4 and subtracting initial angle we will find first limit angle:

$$(2 + 3)^2 = 1^2 + 4^2 - 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 4 \cdot \cos(\beta_{1c}) \quad (1)$$

$$\beta_{1c} = \arccos\left(\frac{90^2 + 67.268^2 - (42.426 + 77.621)^2}{2 \cdot 90 \cdot 67.268}\right) = 98.484^\circ \quad (2)$$

$$\theta_{1c} = \beta_{1c} - \alpha_c = 50.471^\circ \quad (3)$$

3. Now let us find the smallest angle (counter-clockwise rotation). In this case we also have to consider collisions between objects. It can appear when link 1 touches link 3 and it will be the limit position. Since we know that radius of joint is 15 and width of link 3 is also 15, therefore if we draw orthogonal line from 2nd joint to link 3, then its length should be greater or equal than 30. It means that we can find angle between links 2 and 3 such that orthogonal line is 30, then we can find corresponding angle between links 1 and 4 and finally find 2nd limit angle:

$$\gamma_c = \arcsin\left(\frac{30}{42.426}\right) = 45^\circ \quad (4)$$

$$e_c^2 = 2^2 + 3^2 - 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \cos(\gamma_c) = 3167.748 \text{ mm}^2 \quad (5)$$

where e_c - diagonal between 2nd and 4th joints

$$e_c^2 = 1^2 + 4^2 - 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 4 \cdot \cos(\beta_{2c}) \quad (6)$$

$$\beta_{2c} = \arccos\left(\frac{1^2 + 4^2 - e_c^2}{2 \cdot 1 \cdot 4}\right) = 38.642^\circ \quad (7)$$

$$\theta_{2c} = \beta_{2c} - \alpha_c = 9.37^\circ \quad (8)$$

Concluding, 1st joint has range $\theta_{1c} + \theta_{2c} = 59.841^\circ$.

1.2 Fusion 360

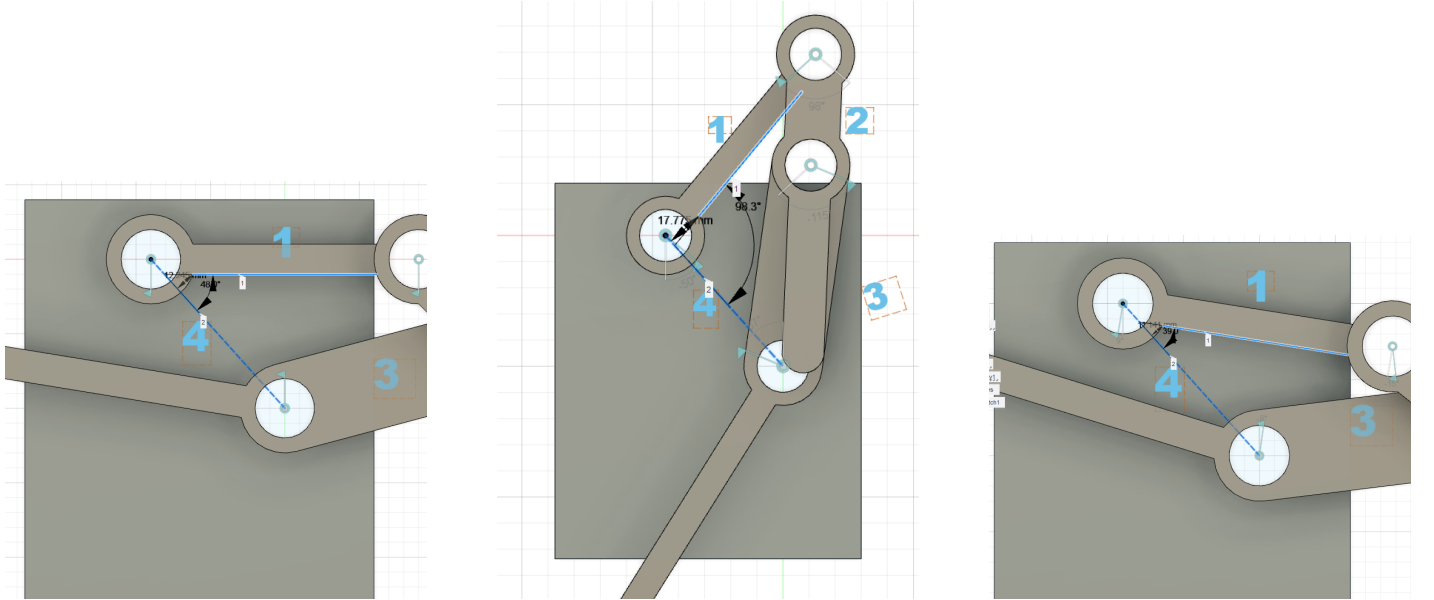


Figure 2: Model

In Fusion 360 we can find angles only using experimental approach:

1.

$$\alpha_f = 48^\circ, \beta_{1f} = 98.3^\circ \quad (9)$$

$$\theta_{1f} = \beta_{1f} - \alpha_f = 50.3^\circ \quad (10)$$

2.

$$\beta_{2f} = 39^\circ \quad (11)$$

$$\theta_{2f} = \beta_{2f} - \alpha_f = 9^\circ \quad (12)$$

Therefore, 1st joint has range $\theta_{1f} + \theta_{2f} = 59.3^\circ$

Concluding, Fusion 360 does not provide such precision, but results are still similar.

2 Torque

Required torque may be found using Euler-Lagrange equation:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} = \tau$$

Unfortunately there is no solution of dynamics and simulation in ANSYS, because I did not understand how to apply Euler-Lagrange for the current system and did not find explanation how to measure torque in ANSYS.